

Greetings AYSO Family,

I hope this finds everyone well and that you had a nice holiday weekend with family and friends. What an amazing fall season we have had! Thanks in BIG part to all of the gracious volunteers that make a difference in the lives of many smiling soccer players! I thank you! I hope to see everyone out for our last Saturday practice of the season 12/1.

We had a wonderful STT tournament with lots of happy players and parents. Kudos to our coaches and referee team for helping the weekend go so smoothly! The weekend was a great example of TEAMWORK and I thank all the volunteers who gave of their time and energy. Mark your calendars....we will be traveling to STT April 12th and 13th! More soccer fun!

Our spring season will start on 1/12 for all players in the U10 and under divisions. The season will begin for U12 and up divisions on 1/26. We will not have practice/games on 2/16, 3/15, 3/22, and 4/12. The last day of the 07/08 season is on 4/19...ending with a big tournament. If your player will not be returning next year please let us know.

We have many eager children on our waiting list. I invite any parents to volunteer to be a coach or an assistant coach. We could use your help. It is great fun and would make an impact on so many! I also encourage any players 11 and up to volunteer to be an assistant coach. It is a great learning experience and they can get community service credit. Our referee program is also excited to welcome any youth refs 12 and up. Kudos to Alex Washington and Adam Bandt for another great season! Youth refs and coaches use their volunteer experience for community service credit for school.

The raffle drive is a great success and appreciate everyone's participation. This effort will us improve our existing programming. Tickets will be collected this Saturday. Please bring any tickets you have sold with \$. We will also be distributing more to those that are vying for the prize! If your child will not be selling his tickets or the remainder of tickets that were given out, please return and we will share with others. Thank you! The final day to return tickets is 1/08/08.

We are sad to report that our dear friend Terry Wright has resigned as Coach Administrator so that he can seek treatment for an aggressive cancer. Terry was dedicated to AYSO and youth soccer for over 12 years! I encourage and invite everyone to come out this Saturday 12/1 from 7 til midnight at Knoley's for a Casino Night. Great prizes and fun, and most importantly, a great cause for a great man! All proceeds go directly to Terry and his wife Heidi Wright to help with their medical expenses. See you there!

I appreciate this opportunity to serve as Regional Commissioner, and although at times, I am overwhelmed with the many tasks of life, I still find great joy in working with so many fabulous people! May the coming season be one of much peace and blessings to you and your family.

Warmly,

Kris Massicott
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